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## **OECD Youth Well-Being Policy Review of Jordan** *Presentation of the report of the Youth Inclusion Project*

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Al Hussein Youth City, Ya Hala Hall, Gate 1, Sport City Circle, Amman

Youth is a stage in life often characterised by numerous changes and transitions in education, health, employment, family, rights and responsibilities. Many of these transitions happen in parallel, depending on the individual and environmental conditions, making youth a very heterogeneous group. The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan is a very youthful country, with close to 70% of the population being below age 30. Jordan's working definition of a young person is between age 12 and 30, this age group represents 35% of the total population in the country. With such a large young population including, training and empowering young people is not just a matter of rights, it is also a matter of economic development. Investing in young people will enable them to be engines of economic and social progress. A well-prepared youth cohort helps to benefit from the demographic window of opportunity.

The Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan recognises the importance of developing its young population in its *National Vision and Strategy Jordan 2025* and through the on-going discussions on a National Youth Strategy. The development of the youth sector and youth policies requires evidence. This is where the Development Centre of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) supports, with co-funding from the European Union (EU), the Jordanian Ministry of Youth with a report on the inclusion and well-being of the youth in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. The *Youth Well-Being Policy Review of Jordan* presents a snapshot of the situation of young people in Jordan with a special focus on youth's labour market situation and civic engagement. In this launch the OECD will present the main findings, conclusions and recommendations of the review and brings together stakeholders to foster the exchange on topics relevant to youth well-being.

## About the project

Co-funded by the European Union, the Youth Inclusion project is implemented by the Development Centre of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development to analyse policies for youth in nine developing and emerging economies. The project takes a multisectoral approach to support countries in better responding to the aspirations of young people and strengthening youth involvement in national development processes. The project sheds light on youth vulnerabilities and important factors for successful transitions. It also strengthens national capacities to design evidence-based policies that promote youth inclusion and youth well-being.

A methodology was developed to assess the factors determining youth vulnerabilities and to identify barriers that impede the inclusion of all youth in active economic and social life. The methodology is used to look at youth policies in selected countries.

## The OECD Development Centre

The OECD Development Centre was established in 1962 as an independent platform for knowledge sharing and policy dialogue between OECD member countries and developing economies, allowing these countries to interact on an equal footing. Today, 27 OECD countries and 24 non-OECD countries are members of the Centre. The Centre draws attention to emerging systemic issues likely to have an impact on global development and more specific development challenges faced by today's developing and emerging economies. It uses evidence-based analysis and strategic partnerships to help countries formulate innovative policy solutions to the global challenges of development.

For more information on the Centre and its members, please see [www.oecd.org/dev](http://www.oecd.org/dev).

## The European Commission

The European Commission is the executive body of the European Union founded in 1958 by the Treaty of Rome. Its Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development is responsible for the EU development policy, aiming primarily at the reduction of poverty in the world. The EU has a long history of supporting interventions in the major domains that affect young people to combat social exclusion and poverty. The importance of youth inclusion is acknowledged in the Communication 'Increasing the impact of EU Development Policy: An Agenda for Change'. The Communication recommends that the EU support sustainable and inclusive growth, defined as people's ability to participate in, and benefit from, wealth and job creation; it emphasises the youth dimension stating that it is critical for societies to offer a future to young people. This project also builds on the main recommendations of the EU study on Social Inclusion and Youth in EC External Cooperation that highlighted the need to strengthen support of evidence-based dialogue on youth inclusion through empirical research and analysis and to foster partnerships and dissemination of good practices in the field of youth.

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09h30 – 10h00	<i>Registration of the participants</i>
10h00- 10h20	<p><b>Welcoming words</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– H.E Eng. Haditha Al Khreisha, <i>Minister of Youth</i>, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan</li> <li>– Jacob Arts, Attaché, Programme Manager for Education and Youth, Delegation of the <i>European Union</i></li> <li>– Mr. Ian Brand-Weiner, Policy Analyst, <i>OECD</i></li> </ul>
10h20 – 11h00	<p><b>“Youth Well-Being Policy Review of Jordan”</b></p> <p>The Youth Well-being Policy Review of Jordan takes a multisectoral approach to look in-depth at the situation of young people with regard to education, health, employment and civic participation and provides policy recommendations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Presentation: Ian Brand-Weiner, Policy Analyst, <i>OECD</i></li> </ul>
11h00 – 11h20	<i>Coffee break</i>
11h20 – 11h40	<p><b>“Assessing the broader Youth Environment”</b></p> <p>The EU-OECD Youth Inclusion Project collaborated with the Networks of Mediterranean Youth Countries Project Jordan (NET-MED youth), which is an EU funded project and implemented by UNESCO. The collaboration was established in 2016 to fulfil the OECD and UNESCO’s common objective on studying youth policy environment in Jordan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Constanza Farina, Representative to Jordan, <i>UNESCO</i></li> </ul>
11h40 – 13h00	<p><b>Panel discussion on “Youth policies, institutions and youth strategy in Jordan”</b></p> <p>Departing from the OECD and UNESCO collaboration this panel discussion will focus on youth policies, institutions and strategies in Jordan, their evolution and how they impact young people in the country.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Ahmed Nawaf, Director of Youth Leadership Development Center, <i>Ministry of Youth</i></li> <li>– Mais Al Daoud, Head of Strategic Partnerships and Program Development, <i>Crown Prince Foundation</i></li> <li>– Ayat Amr, <i>Youth representative</i></li> <li>– Kamel Nabulsi, Founder, <i>Tammey for Human Development</i></li> <li>– Aida Essaid, Director, <i>Information and Research Center - King Hussein Foundation</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Moderator: Sami Hourani, Executive Director, Leaders of Tomorrow</i></p>
13h00	<b>Closing words MoY</b>

**The event will benefit from simultaneous interpretation in Arabic and English, and participants are welcome to speak in any of these languages.**